

In re:  
Leslie Klein  
Debtor

Case No. 23-10990-NB  
Chapter 11

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Date: Apr 12, 2025

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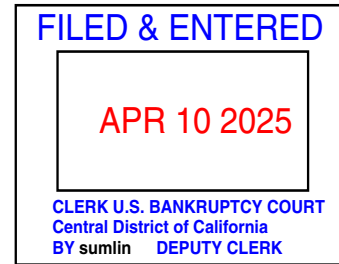
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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

CHANGES MADE BY COURT

**Los Angeles Division**

**IN RE LESLIE KLEIN,**

**Debtor,**

Case No.: 2:23-bk-10990-NB

Chapter 11

~~BRADLEY D. SHARP, CHAPTER 11  
TRUSTEE,~~

~~Plaintiff,~~

Hon. NEIL W. BASON

**(PROPOSED) ORDER DENYING  
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

~~v.~~

~~LESLIE KLEIN, an individual,  
THE SECOND AMENDED KLEIN  
LIVING TRUST, a trust,  
THE MARITAL DEDUCTION  
TRUST OF ERIKA KLEIN, a trust,  
THE SURVIVOR'S TRUST OF  
LESLIE KLEIN, a trust, and  
BARBARA KLEIN, an individual,~~

~~Defendants.~~

Date: April 8, 2025  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Courtroom: 1575  
255 East Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Court, having heard and considered the MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE  
OF MOTION FOR ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE  
TRUSTEE AND ERICA VAGO AND JOSEPH VAGO PURSUANT TO  
BANKRUPTCY RULE 9019 (dk. 1003, "Ex Parte Motion to Continue"), made by

Creditor LESLIE KLEIN & ASSOCIATES, INC., and finding good cause therefor,  
hereby grants the motion and orders as follows:


1. The Ex Parte Motion to Continue is DENIED for the reasons set forth in  
Part (1)(c) of this Court's tentative ruling, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit A**  
and adopted as the actual ruling.

~~1. The hearing on the "MOTION OF CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE FOR  
ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE TRUSTEE AND ERICA  
VAGO AND JOSEPH VAGO PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY RULE 9019,  
currently scheduled for April 8, 2025, is continued until \_\_\_\_\_;~~

2.

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Date: April 10, 2025

  
Neil W. Bason  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

**EXHIBIT A**

**Revised Tentative Ruling for 4/8/25:**

Appearances required by counsel for Debtor and by Debtor(s) themselves.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted tentative rulings.

(1) Current issues

(a) Trustee's motion for order enforcing the automatic stay and for sanctions (dkt. 969, "Stay Violation Motion"), Application for hearing on shortened time (dkt. 970), Proof of service (dkt. 971), Order granting application (dkt. 972, "OST"), Notice of Sanctions Motion (dkt. 974), Proof of service of OST (dkt. 975 & 976), Response of Life Capital Group, LLC (dkt. 992), Opposition of Debtor, Leslie Klein & Associates, Inc. ("LKA"), EKLK Foundation ("EKLK"), and Daniel A. Crawford, Esq. ("Responding Parties") (dkt. 997), Trustee's reply (dkt. 999)

Grant the Stay Violation Motion for reasons to be stated by this Court on the record.

(b) Trustee's motion to enforce order to restore possession of June St. Property (dkt. 962, "Second Turnover Motion"), Proof of service (dkt. 963), Stipulation to extend response deadline (dkt. 1004) & order thereon (dkt. 1006), Opposition (dkt. 1005), Trustee's reply (dkt. 1009)

Grant the Second Turnover Motion for the reasons stated in the motion and reply papers. As Trustee highlights, although the (x) Order granting Trustee's motion for summary judgment (Adv. No. 2:24-ap-01140-NB, dkt. 62) and (y) Order granting Trustee's first turnover motion (dkt. 923) have been appealed (see Adv. No. 2:24-ap-01140-NB, dkt. 67 & dkt. 938), the affected parties have not sought to stay those orders, so the tentative ruling is that this Court retains jurisdiction to implement and enforce those orders. *See In re Padilla*, 222 F.3d 1184 (9th Cir. 2000) ("Absent a stay or supersedeas, the ... court also retains jurisdiction to implement or enforce the judgment or order but may not alter or expand upon the judgment").

Trustee is directed to modify the proposed order attached as Exhibit H to the motion (dkt. 962, Pdf pp. 245-247) to include the language set forth in LBR 7064-1(e) prior to lodging a proposed order via LOU.

(c) LKA's Ex Parte Motion to Continue Hearing on Vago Settlement Motion (dkt. 1003, "Ex Parte Motion to Continue"), Oppositions of Trustee (dkt. 1010) and Erica and Joseph Vago (dkt. 1011)

Deny the Ex Parte Motion to Continue (x) because it is procedurally improper because although LKA purported to self-calendar this matter for today, it did not comply with the applicable LBRs for seeking a hearing on an emergency basis or on shortened time (LBR 9075-1(a)&(b)), and (y) for the reasons stated in the opposition papers.

(d) Trustee's motion to approve settlement with Erica and Joseph Vago pursuant to Rule 9019 (Fed. R. Bankr. P.) (dkt. 961, "Settlement Motion"), Joinder of Erica and Joseph Vago ("Vagos") (dkt. 964), Opposition of LKA (dkt. 980), Trustee's reply (dkt. 991), Reply of Vagos (dkt. 998)



Grant the Settlement Motion as follows.

First, on the issue of standing, this Court cannot presume that LKA lacks standing because, as a co-judgment debtor, it appears that any settlement that reduces Debtor's liability might shift the burden of the judgment to LKA so it might have an injury in fact sufficient to give it standing to object to the proposed settlement. Although Trustee asserts that LKA is "essentially" an alter ego of Debtor (Reply, dkt. 999, p. 2:7-8), Trustee does not point to any judicial determination of alter ego status.

Nevertheless, on the merits, the tentative ruling is to overrule the LKA opposition and grant the Settlement Motion for all of the other reasons stated in the motion and reply papers and because, on this record, LKA has not established that the proposed settlement falls below the lowest point of reasonableness. See e.g., *In re McClure*, 2018 Bankr. LEXIS 3271, at \*40 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 2018) (Mund, J.) ("The Court is not required to hold a full evidentiary hearing or a mini-trial before it can approve a compromise. The Court need only canvas the issues to see if the settlement falls below the lowest point of reasonableness").

(e) Adversary proceeding status conferences for Adv. Nos. 2:23-ap-01150-NB (Vago et al. v. Klein), 2:23-ap-01152-NB (Menlo, co-trustee of Frank Menlo Irrevocable Trust established March 1, 1983 v. Klein), 2:23-ap-01153-NB (Mermelstein v. Klein), 2:23-ap-01167-NB (Sharp v. Klein et al.), 2:23-ap-01169-NB (Berger v. Klein), 2:24-ap-01140-NB (Sharp v. Klein et al.) and 2:25-ap-01020-NB (Sharp v. Life Capital Group, LLC et al.)

Please see the tentative rulings for calendar nos. 8-14 on today's 2:00 p.m. calendar.

Proposed orders: Unless otherwise ordered, Trustee is directed to lodge proposed orders on each of the foregoing motions via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date and attach a copy of this tentative ruling, thereby incorporating it as this Court's actual ruling. See LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B).

(2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 2/22/23 as a Subchapter V case. The petition was amended to remove the Subchapter V election and proceed as a chapter 11 case on 3/8/23. See dkt. 33, 37 & 43. On 5/17/23 this Court directed the appointment of a chapter 11 trustee (dkt. 142) and on 5/24/23 the U.S. Trustee appointed Bradley D. Sharp as trustee. Dkt. 151, 154, 155 & 156.

(a) Bar date: 5/3/23 (see dkt. 10, 12 & 18)

(b) Procedures Order: dkt. 950 (timely served, dkt. 953)

(c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: file by 7/15/25 (DO NOT SERVE - except on the U.S. Trustee). See Procedures Order.

(d) Continued status conference: 4/22/25 at 1:00 p.m., concurrent with other matters. No written status report is required.

**Tentative Ruling for 4/8/25:**

This Court anticipates posting a tentative ruling prior to the hearing.